

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 31 July 2023 at 7:30 pm, at the Parish Council Offices, 1 London Road, Kegworth

Present: Cllrs M Hawksworth, V Saunders, C Sewell, R Sutton, H Williams, W White, also Clerk D Griggs. Two members of the public were present.

116/23 Apologies for Absence: It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Mullaney, Priestley, and Stanney. Reasons given and approved. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Hawksworth, unanimously agreed.

117/23 Declarations of Interest: None.

118/23 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Sutton advised that the date for the next KGV Field in Trust meeting was still to be decided. He shared a copy of an East Midlands Airport (EMA) leaflet and asked councillors to make any comments on it to the Clerk. He confirmed that a meeting with MP, Andrew Bridgen, had taken place, questions regarding HMOs in Kegworth had been submitted to the Home Office and a response received. In addition, Cllr Sutton said he had arranged a meeting with a representative of SERCO, in his role as District Councillor, for Friday, 4th August. He confirmed he would feedback to the Parish Council in due course.

119/23 Public Participation: A member of the public spoke about the frequent car cruising events on the A453 and the off-road motorbikes racing through the village, which were disturbing residents.

120/23 Police Report: The Police Officer present at the meeting explained that staffing numbers had been reduced to one Police Constable, two part time PCSOs, and one full time PCSO covering the beat. This had meant they had not been able to attend any Parish Council meetings. He advised that crime statistics online were as up to date as they could be, and it was their intention to report crime trends at Parish Council meetings. He confirmed there were no crime trends to report for the month of July; there had been one or two shed break-ins, but no dwelling burglaries. As a follow up to the previous request from the Clerk on behalf of councillors, the Police Officer confirmed he was working on a report on crime trends for Kegworth over the previous 12 months. He advised that the Police were aware of the car cruising events, which are part of a national problem. They were working with other areas, looking into detection systems, and intelligence gathering. Some tickets had been issued. Councillors asked what could be done about the off-road bikers who were racing through the village, wearing no crash helmets, on mostly unregistered bikes. The Police Officer advised residents to report every incident using 101, or online. Councillors agreed it was time to involve the County and District Councils.

121/23 Receive any Reports from District and County Councillors: Cllr Sewell spoke as District Councillor. She confirmed a meeting had been arranged with Planning Officers at the District Council to discuss HMOs and changes to the Local Plan. Cllr Sutton also spoke as District Councillor. He advised that he was following the District Council's Download investigation with interest. He had referred issues with jitties and lighting in Kegworth to the County Council. He thanked councillors for responding to the EMA Noise Action Plan consultation.

122/23 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3 July 2023: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 3 July 2023. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Williams (5 for, 1 abstention).

Signed

Dated

123/23 Approval of Minutes of the HR Committee Meeting 2 July 2023: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 3 July 2023. Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Williams, unanimously agreed.

124/23 Review the Council's Safeguarding Policy: Councillors resolved to adopt the new Safeguarding Policy. Proposed by Cllr Hawksworth, seconded by Cllr White, unanimously agreed.

125/23 Review the Council's Reserves Policy: Councillors resolved to approve the policy with no changes. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr White, unanimously agreed.

126/23 To Consider the District Council's Online Training System, SkillGate, and Agree Actions: It was resolved that all councillors should be given access to the free training system provided by the District Council. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Sewell, unanimously agreed.

127/23 To Agree Response to an Invite from Nottingham University (SB Campus) to their Student Welcome Event: It was resolved to provisionally confirm attendance, but to ask for more information about the timings of the event and to agree a rota of councillors to attend before confirming.

128/23 Receive an Update on Pritchard Drive Play Area and Agree Actions: It was resolved that councillors would meet at the play area to review the liability and suitability of the area and equipment prior to meeting with a representative from Persimmon Homes. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Hawksworth, unanimously agreed.

129/23 Form a Response to the Leicestershire County Council Street Lighting Consultation: Councillors resolved to make the comment that the consultation was ill-timed, as it was impossible for residents to do a proper impact assessment during the Summer months, and to comment that the current street lighting provision in Kegworth was deemed by councillors to be poor. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr White, unanimously agreed.

130/23 To Discuss Incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour in Sideley Park and Agree any Actions: Councillors considered a paper drafted by the Clerk. They resolved to write to neighbours of the Park asking them to report any incidents to the Police and providing information on how to do so. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Sewell (5 for, 1 against). It was resolved to obtain quotes to re-set three lifted benches in a more robust manner. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Hawksworth, unanimously agreed. It was resolved to research options and costs for upgrading the CCTV in the Park. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr White, unanimously agreed.

131/23 Approve Draft Newsletter: There was a short discussion about the format of the newsletter. Minor amendments were agreed and was resolved to approve the draft newsletter.

132/23 Finance:

- a. The Council's expenditure against cost centre budgets year to date was reviewed and total bank balances of £262,198.26 were noted as at 26 July 2023.
- b. Councillors noted the income received for the month. They resolved to approve the following accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Hawksworth, unanimously agreed.

